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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: July 1, 1960

SUBJECT: Various Matters of Dutch-Indonesian-United States Relations:

- Alleged Hatta Remarks on West New Guinea
- Restriction of Airspace in East Indonesia

DISCUSSION:

- Indonesian Territorial Waters
- Indonesian Ban on Dutch Shipping
- Newsweek Article on Dutch Protest of Presidential Visit to Indonesia
- Visser Statement on NATO's Agreeing to Withdrawal of Dutch Forces to Reinforce West New Guinea

PARTICIPANTS: Jonkheer J. L. R. Huydecoper, First Secretary, Embassy of the Netherlands
FE:SPA - Mr. James D. Bell
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Mr. Huydecoper informed us that his Foreign Ministry was interested in verifying a remark allegedly made by Dr. Hatta at a luncheon for him by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to the effect that West New Guinea should be turned over to Indonesia. Mr. Wenzel confirmed that the Foreign Relations Committee had given a luncheon for Dr. Hatta shortly after his arrival in Washington but that there were no Department representatives present at the luncheon and that we had no information that Dr. Hatta had talked about West New Guinea. Mr. Bell noted that it would not have been remarkable if Dr. Hatta had made such a statement.

Mr. Huydecoper then invited our attention to an Indonesian Government announcement in early June restricting certain airspace in East Indonesia. He showed us a map on which he had plotted the restricted area which, he said, came within six miles of the West New Guinea mainland at Kaap van den Bosch and included certain Dutch islands of the Segaf group south of Misool. (The coordinates of the restricted area furnished by Mr. Huydecoper are enclosed.) Mr. Huydecoper indicated that the Indonesian Government was inviting difficulties by this regulation and that Dutch aircraft, in their patrol activities, would likely cross into this restricted area in certain places. He inquired whether the United States - perhaps through one of its service attaches at the Embassy in Djakarta - might take up this matter informally with Indonesian officials and point out the dangers of this regulation.

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Mr. Bell commented that, as far as he knew, United States aircraft had little or no occasion to fly through this area and that he wondered, therefore, if we had any appropriate basis for discussing this matter with the Indonesians.

Mr. Huydecoper also raised the question of the recent Indonesian Government regulations regarding Indonesian Territorial and Inland waters. He noted that the United States had made its position clear to the Indonesian Government at the end of 1957 when the Indonesian Cabinet had first announced its intentions in this regard, but he inquired whether the United States had considered reiterating its position to the Indonesians in view of the confirming Indonesian regulations. Mr. Huydecoper also noted that the United States and United Kingdom had on occasion notified Indonesian authorities when their naval vessels passed through or near Indonesian waters. He wondered whether such notification to the Indonesians would tend to undermine our position on the declaration of Indonesian Territorial and Inland waters. Mr. Bell commented that we did, from time to time, notify Indonesian authorities when our naval vessels passed through or close to Indonesian waters. This was done as a matter of courtesy to the Indonesians, Mr. Bell continued, and in his view was not in conflict with our legal position on Indonesian waters. Mr. Bell said that he would, however, bring Mr. Huydecoper's views to the attention of the interested offices in the Department.

Mr. Bell referred to earlier conversations in which Mr. Huydecoper had asked us to consider informing the Indonesian Government that the United States disapproved of the recently imposed Indonesian regulations excluding Dutch shipping from Indonesian trade. Mr. Bell informed Mr. Huydecoper that he had discussed this request with other offices in the Department and it had been determined that such an approach to the Indonesians by the United States would serve no purpose. Mr. Bell commented that our leverage in Indonesia was already quite limited and that certain published stories in the past few days had further lowered the amount of leverage the United States might bring to bear in Indonesia. Mr. Bell cited particularly the very disturbing item in the July 4 issue of Newsweek which stated that the President had turned down a proposed visit to Indonesia partly because of opposition from the Netherlands. He noted that the language in the Newsweek piece - i.e., that the Dutch would consider a Presidential visit to Indonesia a "slap in the face" - was the same language used by Dutch officials in discussing this matter privately with United States officials. Mr. Huydecoper replied that he had seen the Newsweek item but that he had "absolutely no clue" as to its origin. Mr. Bell also mentioned as being harmful to the United States position in Indonesia a recent statement by Dutch Defense Minister Visser that SACEUR had agreed to the withdrawal of Dutch Forces from NATO to reinforce West New Guinea. Mr. Huydecoper indicated that he fully appreciated the difficulties which these statements had caused the United States in Indonesia.

Enclosure:

Coordinates of Restricted Area

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COORDINATES OF RESTRICTED AREA

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129 E 3 N - 129 E 2.10 S
131 E 2.10 S - 131 E 3.10 S*
135 E 5.20 S - 136 E 7 S
131 E 7 S - 131 E 4 S
125E 4 S - 125 E 2.10 S
127E 2.10 S

* NOTE: In the version furnished by the Australian Embassy, this coordinate reads 03.00 S (See Moore-Fernandez memorandum of conversation June 16-17, 1960). Djakarta Weeka #24, however, shows the coordinate to be 03.10 S.

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Department telegram 4.

Assurance given Max Maramis, Chief of American Directorate,
Foreign Department, July 4.

Charge also passed to Maramis additional press conference
remarks Admiral Burke contained in Department telegram 5.

Unfortunately Embassy under heavy pressure furnish Foreign
Department with text of Admiral Burke's press conference
remarks contained in The Hague's 1703 to the Department.
It did not occur to Embassy that Department would give to
Indonesian Embassy synopsis version of public press conference
where many observers could confirm what was said. It would
seem futile to attempt give for government incomplete
report of event which fully public.

Since discrepancy between version furnished by Charge and
that given to Indonesian Embassy Washington undoubtedly will
be noted suggest Department promptly furnish balance of
text of press conference to Indonesian Embassy attributing
original omissions to communications difficulties or whatever
plausible reason Department may wish to give. It is of course
now impossible withdraw text given by Charge to Foreign De-
partment which officially informed at time of USS MUNRO
visit in any event.

In conversation with Charge Admiral Martidinata already had

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Burke's reference to Ambon.

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RMR At marriage of Marshall Suryadarma's daughter July 8 Charge exchanged greetings with President Sukarno who as usual asked about the return of Ambassador Jones. Charge assured him Ambassador Jones would be back late this month, said Ambassador had asked Charge to tell President he was looking forward to seeing him.

At same occasion Charge passed substance of first sentence last paragraph reference telegram to Foreign Minister Subandrio. Subandrio said he hoped it had been understood he was not making any sort of demarche to US in the conversation concerning Sukarno's views. Foreign Minister said it was only that he felt he should talk frankly on such subjects so they would be out in the open in our relationships and we could deal with them in all frankness. Charge replied both her and Department understood and appreciated purpose of his talk but of course had been compelled to take note of remarks of such a nature so we too could discuss such problems in frankness.

Recent Djakarta rumors Ambassador Jones was not returning have been increasing in number. Charge believes President, Subandrio have been somewhat concerned as result so that assurances given them connection with reference telegram have been most useful.

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